a first memory for storing a plurality of sets of initial data for the software to cope with various kinds of area data and languages so that the portable electronic apparatus utilizes the area data of an area in which the portable electronic apparatus is used and displays in a language corresponding to the area data;

input means for allowing entry of area data, a language corresponding thereto, and an additional language used in an area in which the portable electronic apparatus is used; and

a second memory for storing the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language entered through the input means,

wherein, when the software is initialized, initial data corresponding to the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language stored in the second memory is selected from the initial data stored in the first memory.

3.   (Amended)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as edited by the user, the initial data is checked so that, if incorrect data is found therein, the initial data edited by the user is automatically deleted and the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as initially set.

5.   (Amended)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 4,

wherein, when the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the

telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data,

the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as edited by the user, the

initial data is checked so that, if incorrect data is found therein, the initial data edited by

the user is automatically deleted and the software of the portable electronic apparatus

having the telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to

the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as initially

set.

6.   (Amended)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 4,

wherein, when the key that is operated to delete the initial data edited by the user

is operated, the initial data edited by the user is deleted and the software of the portable

electronic apparatus having the telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial

data corresponding to the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the

additional language as initially set.

7.   (Amended)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 6,

wherein, when the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the

telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data,

the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as edited by the user, the

initial data is checked so that, if incorrect data is found therein, the initial data edited by

the user is automatically deleted and the software of the portable electronic apparatus

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having the telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data, the language corresponding thereto, and the additional language as initially set.

Please add the following new claims 8-16:

--8. (New) A portable electronic apparatus incorporating software and having a telephoning function, comprising:

a first memory area for storing software;

a second memory area for storing a plurality of sets of initial data for the software corresponding to area data for an area in which the portable electronic apparatus is used and a first language for use as a language corresponding to the area data so that the portable electronic apparatus is usable in a plurality of areas and languages;

a third memory area for storing an index to the initial data;

input means for allowing selection and entry of the area data, the first language, and a second language used as an additional language;

a fourth memory area for storing area and language data used to initialize the software;

a fifth memory area for storing a flag indicating data is edited by input of the area data, the first language, or the second language through the input means; and

a sixth memory area for storing the area data, the first language, and the second language which are input through the input means,

wherein, when the flag in the fifth memory area is not set, the portable electronic

apparatus reads out the area and language data from the fourth memory area, acquires

from the third memory area an index to the initial data corresponding to the area and

language data, and initializes the software in the first memory area by using the initial

data specified by the index and stored in the second memory area, and

when the flag in the fifth memory area is set, the portable electronic apparatus

initializes the software in the first memory area by using the area data, the first language,

and the second language in the sixth memory area.

9.   (New)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 8,

wherein, when the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the

telephoning function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data,

the first language, and the second language, the initial data is checked so that, if incorrect

data is found therein, the initial data input through the input means is automatically

deleted and the software of the portable electronic apparatus having the telephoning

function is initialized by use of the initial data corresponding to the area data, the first

language, and the second language as initially set.

10.   (New)   A portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further

comprising:

a key that is operated to delete the initial data input through the input means.

11.   (New) A portable electronic apparatus having a telephoning function comprising:

a first memory area storing a software application;

a second memory area storing different sets of initialization data for initializing the software application stored in the first memory area;

an input device operable by a user of the apparatus to input a selected geographic area and at least one selected language;

a third memory area storing the user-selected geographic area and language; and

control circuitry for initializing the software application by accessing one of the sets of initialization data stored in the second memory area based on the user-selected geographic area and language stored in the third memory area.

12.   (New) The portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

a fourth memory area storing a pre-selected geographic area and language; and

a fifth memory area storing a flag which is set/cleared to indicate that a user-selected geographic area and language are stored in the third memory area and which is cleared/set to indicate that no user-selected geographic area and language are stored in the third memory area, wherein

if the flag indicates that no user-selected geographic area and language are stored in the third memory area, the control circuitry initializes the software application by accessing one of the sets of initialization data stored in the second memory area based on the pre-selected geographic area and language stored in the fourth memory area.

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13.   (New) The portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the input device is further operable by the user of the apparatus to delete the user-selected geographic area and language stored in the third memory area.

14.   (New) The portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the software application is initialized by the control circuitry after the user-selected geographic area and language stored in the third memory area are deleted based on the pre-selected geographic area and language stored in the fourth memory area.

15.   (New) The portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein incorrect data stored in the third memory area is automatically deleted and the software application is thereafter initialized by the control circuitry based on the pre-selected geographic area and language stored in the fourth memory area.

16.   (New) The portable electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the software application comprises an electronic mail application.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

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